The highest cost of reclamation in the State.

301. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state the recorded highest cost of reclamation they have incurred per acre anywhere in the State under any circumstances whatsoever, by the Public Works Department or by contract ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The necessary data are not available to furnish the information.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I don't want to ask, because you decline to answer.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—So much time is saved.

Wardens of the Hostels.

302. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(i) the names of the Wardens of each of the hostels attached to the Maharaja's College ;

(ii) the remuneration of each of the Wardens

(iii) is the Warden of the Christian Hostel a member of the College staff;

(iv) how many per cent of the students of the Christian Hostel who appeared for the last Selection Examination were detained ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(i) There is only one Warden for both the Hindu and Christian Hostels. The Principal is the *ex-officio* Warden.

(ii) There is now no special allowance for the Warden.

(iii) Vide answer to part (i).

(iv) 50 per cent. Six sat for the examination, and three were sent up.

The payment of grant for rent to Girls' Hostels.

303. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention.—

(a) whether any grant is being given by the Government to any Girls' Hostel towards the rent of the hostel building, in addition to the grant given per boarder, and if so,

(b) to state the names of these hostels; and

(c) whether any other hostel authorities have requested to give them also such a grant, and if so, what is the order passed by the Government in this matter ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Thiyya Girls' Hostel, Ernakulam.

(c) The Secretary, Y. W. C. A. Hostel, Kunnamkulam, has requested for such a grant, and the matter is under consideration.

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